

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are pending in the instant application, and all of the pending claims are rejected. Moreover, claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 10-12 and 14 are objected to. As a preliminary matter, Applicants add two new claims 19 and 20 reciting the preferred X and Y elements formerly recited in independent claim 1. Upon entry of this Amendment and Response, claims 1-20 will be pending.

Objection to the Claims

Applicants herein change the claim language so that the claims read in accordance with traditional United States practice. No issue of new matter arises by way of these changes since they are merely formal in nature. Applicants remove the “preferable” recitations in each instance where they occur. From claim 1, some “preferred” recitations are included in new independent claims 19 and 20. In addition, Applicants herein remove the offending language “such as for example” and change the language “selected among” to “selected from the group consisting of” in order to conform the claim to traditional United States practice. Moreover, though the examiner did not object to the language “characterised in that,” Applicants also make the change to “wherein” to better comply with the local practice.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph

The Examiner rejects claims 1-18 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph as unclear because they recite “average relative intensity,” “alkaline metals” instead of “alkali metals,” and because claim 11 is unclear regarding whether methyl-DABCO is optional. Applicants herein remove the offending language “average relative intensity,” change “alkaline metals” to “alkali metals,” and clarify regarding whether methyl-DABCO is optional by removing specific reference to the same as well as all the “preferred” recitations.

Fees

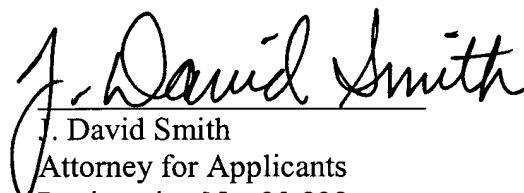
No fees are believed to be necessitated by the instant Response. However, should this understanding be erroneous, authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account No. 11-1153 for any underpayment, or to credit any overpayments.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request entry of the foregoing Amendments and Remarks into the file history of the instant Application. The Claims as amended are believed to be in condition for allowance, and withdrawal of all of the outstanding rejections is therefore believed in order. Early and favorable action on the claims is earnestly solicited. Should a discussion be helpful in resolving any outstanding issues, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (201) 487-5800.

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